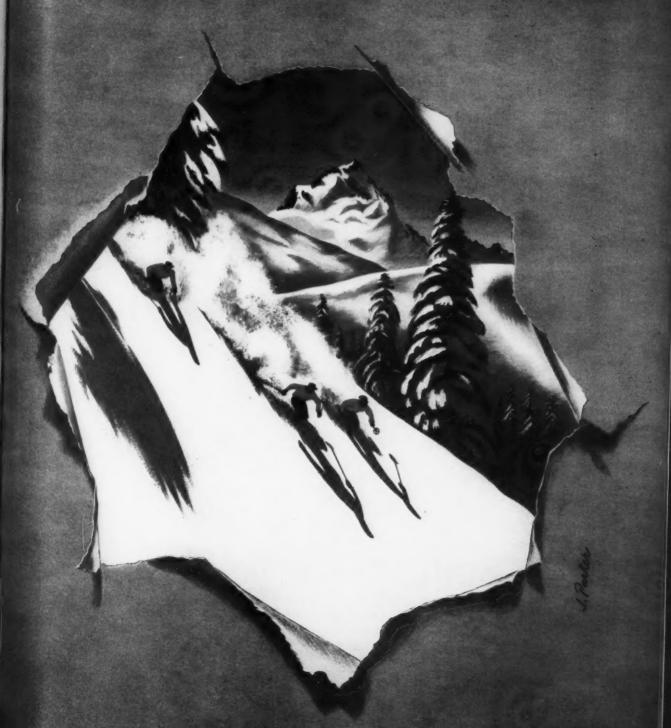
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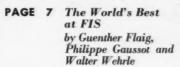
It would be well for Americans to remember that many of the participating countries have had great difficulty in sending teams. Because of the proverbial dollar shortage many countries, which had in the past been active members of the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS), will not be able to come at all.

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which are students in European Universities. This group has been invited to a different resort for every single weekend from December through March. These Swiss resorts do the same thing for their own young racers. The same thing ought to be done by our own resorts.

This is all by way of saying that international tournaments and meets can be of the utmost benefit to all concerned. There will, no doubt, be minor frictions—there were at the last winter Olympics, and there will be some at this year's World Championships. But these stem from national pride and the high competitive spirit of all concerned.

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#### Sweet Sympathy

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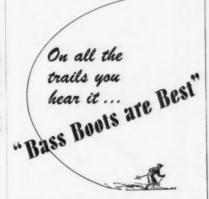
Now I realize that SKI is a commercial publication and as such relies on its advertisers rather than its subscribers to keep it out of the red. And as a commercial publication it is open to criticism - but surely not such scathing criticism as came from friend Fairbanks. I am certain that he has never tried to publish a ski club magazine or a column in a local newspaper especially during a winter when there is a snow famine. The editor of such a publication or column is a lonely man who becomes prematurely grey. Friends who promised to keep him up-to-date on all the ski news leave him nothing but the bottom of his own barrel to scrape.

Your magazine is fine, Mr. Editor, especially this December 15 issue. Your magazine is about skiing and nothing else and that is what we skiers want.

JAMES LOW

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Tom Dixon

Key West, Fla.

Sissy! — ED.

#### Life With Father

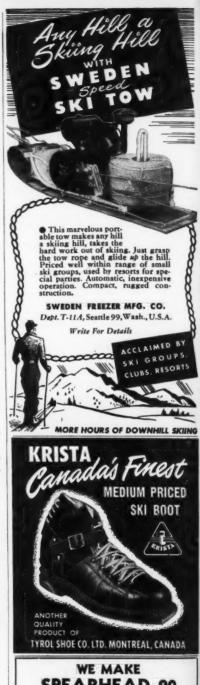
I read the letter in the December 15 issue in which a boy has asked that the bill for Ski Magazine be sent to his father. What is the end of the story? In case Dad didn't "fork out" I enclose two dollars to give him a subscription.

BRENDA LISTER

Gary, Ill.

On behalf of "Junior", thanks and your money returned. Dad "forked out." — Ep.





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#### Sometimes Sit

We liked the plan for a ski cabin in the issue of Dec. 1. For two reasons it looked like a perfectly practicable plan, and its inclusion lends a welcome variety to the magazine. After all, even skiers have to sit down at times. JAMES PLATT

New York, N. Y.

#### Winter Resumed

Der Winter, the well-known German ski magazine of former times, which was suspended during the war, has been re-issued since October 1949. I am mailing you a specimen copy, and I think you might find a few interesting items in the paper.

RUDOLF ROTHER

Munich, Austria

Thanks, and congratulations. - ED.

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## THE WORLD'S BEST AT

Authoritative first-hand reports on the Austrian, French and Swiss teams by Guenther Flaig, Philippe Gaussot and Walter Wehrle

The Swiss and the French have had ski teams in the States before, but the FIS World Championships give the Austrians their first chance to show themselves in the United States. Austria's racers regard this as a chance to gain a place which the French and Swiss have long since attained. They are eagerly looking forward to it, and have not yet forgotten that Jack Reddish of the U. S. dethroned all their ski kings in the Schneider Cup at St. Anton right

after the 1948 Olympics.

The Austrians will be fielding one of the strongest women's teams ever seen. To start with there is Resi Hammerer, "Miss Austria on Skis". As fast on skis as she is pretty, Resi will be hard to beat.

Erika Mahringer, winner of the combined slalom at the Olympics, can keep up with most men when it comes to the tricky slalom combinations, but her downhill running is of a daring that borders on foolhardiness.

Then there is Austria's answer to the Wurtele twins, Anneliese Schuh-Proxauf and Rosmarie Gebler-Proxhauf. Anneliese has a habit of breaking legs, but if she is still in one piece at Aspen she won't be far from the top of the list. Her sister, Rosmarie, has

won a long series of international races, with her slalom victory in the 1949 Kandahar as one of her outstanding successes.

Among the men the race for top position is considerably closer. If you were to ask me who the three best Austrians are I would have to answer, "Schoepf, Haider, Linher, Mall, Nog-



Resi Hammerer, "Miss Austria on Skis"

ler, Lantschner, Pravda, Gabl, Seyrling, Kneisl, Fahrner, Spiss, Moser, Geiger, Jam . . ." I can't help it—those are the three best Austrians. Get the idea? You could just as well reverse the order.

One little exception, though, ought to be made. That's Egon Schoepf, "the man who got the better of the devil". With his daring he has won almost all the races he has entered in the last years, with the exception of the Kandahar. He holds the record for the fastest race course in the world, the Marmolata. Half an hour before the Austrian championships his skis were stolen. He took the nearest available pair and became Austrian champion. People have seen his face as he spilled at sixty-mile-anhour speeds: he laughed the devil in the face. And that's why I think he must be counted in.

G. F.

If an unprejudiced handicapper had to pick the favorite in the FIS World Championships at Aspen, the chances are he would pick the French.

In the 1948 Olympics Henri Oreiller won the men's downhill. He also won the men's combined downhill and

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#### HOW DANGEROUS IS SKIING?

#### C. M. Dole, National Patrol Chief, tells how to avoid accidents

This is not a scare article. It is rather facing a few facts about our sport, in the hope that even one accident may be prevented.

Skiing is not a dangerous sport; it is simply and purely what we as individuals wish to make it. The accident ratio is low, but it is increasing with the number of new skiers. There is an issue here, and we should not try to dodge it.

In the past eleven years, the National Ski Patrol System has handled over 18,000 accidents and saved twenty-nine lives. In the winter of 1947–48 (the figures for 1948–49 have not yet been compiled on a national basis) the NSPS cared for 4,428 skiers throughout the U. S. Of the total number, 1107 were bone fractures. Seventy-one per cent of the accidents happened to the so-called novice skier. Thirty-five per cent of the victims admitted fatigue as a contributing factor.

All patrolmen carry accident cards in their first-aid kits which when filled out allow the facts above to be correlated. But the national medical committee of the NSPS feels that the actual number of accidents reported represents roughly only one-third of the number occurring.

#### Six Accidents per 1,000

Thirteen thousand possible accidents, in one year, in one of the healthiest, most enjoyable sports in the world! How long is it going to continue to be "America's fastest-growing sport", unless skiers themselves are willing to ski sensibly or area owners are forced to take steps to curb them?

You who are looking forward to a wonderful winter of skiing may well pause over the following thought presented by Bill Judd, chairman of the Southern Rocky Mountain division of the NSPS: "Out of every 1000 skiers on a given area, six will be accident victims on any given day. Of these, one will be a bone fracture."

What are the causes? Dr. Arthur Perkins, last year's chairman of the NSPS medical committee, has drawn a hypothetical case in his medical report. Avoidance of accidents, it is to be inferred from this case, is based on simple rules.

"Consider, first, the typical case of ski injury: a youth of intermediate skiing ability who never had lessons, and who has not exercised regularly during the season, on a clear day with good snow conditions, using adequate equipment including standard bindings, and using an all-day lift ticket . . . while trying to keep up with a faster skier in the late afternoon, hits a sitzmark on terrain that is not beyond his ability, falls and sprains an ankle.

muscles cannot respond properly in an emergency. Skiers should stop before they are exhausted.

IV. Control. The victim was fatigued, and he was trying to keep up with a faster skier. His ability was rated as intermediate, and almost invariably such a skier is not as good as he imagines himself. Ski with judgment—always under control.

V. Hazards. Another skier on the hill was at fault here. He left the sitzmark that was the immediate cause of the injury. Every skier must develop a sense of responsibility for the condition of the hill.



"Consider, now, how he has violated the rules for safe skiing.

I. Lessons. Had this skier started his career with lessons, his improved technique might have carried him safely through the sitzmark. All beginners should take lessons.

II. Exercises. If our friend had devoted ten minutes each day to regular exercises, starting one month before the season, his legs might have stood the strain of the sitzmark. All skiers should take regular daily exercises throughout the season.

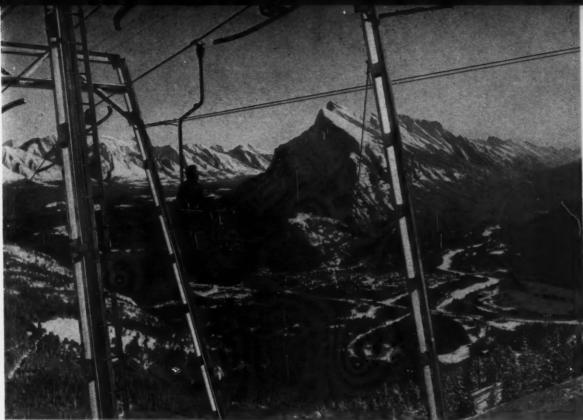
III. Fatigue. The victim was tired, because he had been skiing for many hours, on an all-day lift ticket. Tired

VI. Bindings. The evidence is that some types of safety bindings are several times safer than standard. Use safety bindings.

VII. Skiing alone. This is the only one of the fundamental rules that does not apply to the case under discussion. Never ski off the main hill alone."

Not included in the above report as a cause, but too often the case, are the overcrowded areas that must absorb bus and train loads of metropolitan skiers on week ends. Here the uninhibited "schussboomer" holds sway. He starts at the top and careens

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Canadian Pacific Photos

The new 3,000-ft. chair lift on Mt. Norquay carries skiers to the wide slopes and trails overlooking Banff

## BANFF: heaven on earth for Skiers!



Flights of 250 feet are expected on enlarged jumping hill

KIING will reach its peak at Banff in the Canadian Rockies next month as this famed summer resort now offers a full fare of attractions certain to please any skier.

At the moment the town is buzzing with activity in preparation for the North American and Dominion ski championships starting February 25 and continuing through March 5. The announcement has just been made that the French, Italian and Austrian teams, among others, will go from Aspen and the FIS World Championships to race at Banff in the North Americans.

The races, however, will be only one attraction for many skiers who will take the opportunity to see the world's crack runners in action and also take in the high-country touring for which Alberta is famous.

March and April are the ideal months to ski in the Canadian Rockies and it is possible to ski for weeks there without retracing a single step. Spring touring at Sunshine Lodge or Assiniboine Camp is all above timberline over vast snow fields ranging in snow depth from ten to twenty feet and powder snow can usually be depended upon until the end of April.

Mount Norquay, overlooking Banff, has been ex-



Spring skiers revel in the thrills of alpine running

panded into a full ski center in itself with a 3,000-foot electric chair lift, wide slopes and trails and a new downhill course that will be used for the North American championships.

Banff itself is located at an altitude of 4,500 feet and Norquay rises above it with the new downhill course, which drops 2,400 feet in vertical descent, ending almost in town.

The jumping hill at Norquay has also been enlarged for the forthcoming championships and there is a strong possibility that the hill mark of 223 feet, now held by Olympic World Champion Petter Hugsted of Norway, will be broken by the visiting high riders.

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Feb. 26 - North American Slalom

March 2 — North American and Dominion Cross-Country

March 3 — Dominion Downhill

March 4 — Dominion Slalom

March 5 — North American and

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Jeep-joring is a popular sport on Banff's main street



Mount Assiniboine, from Erling Strom's Lodge

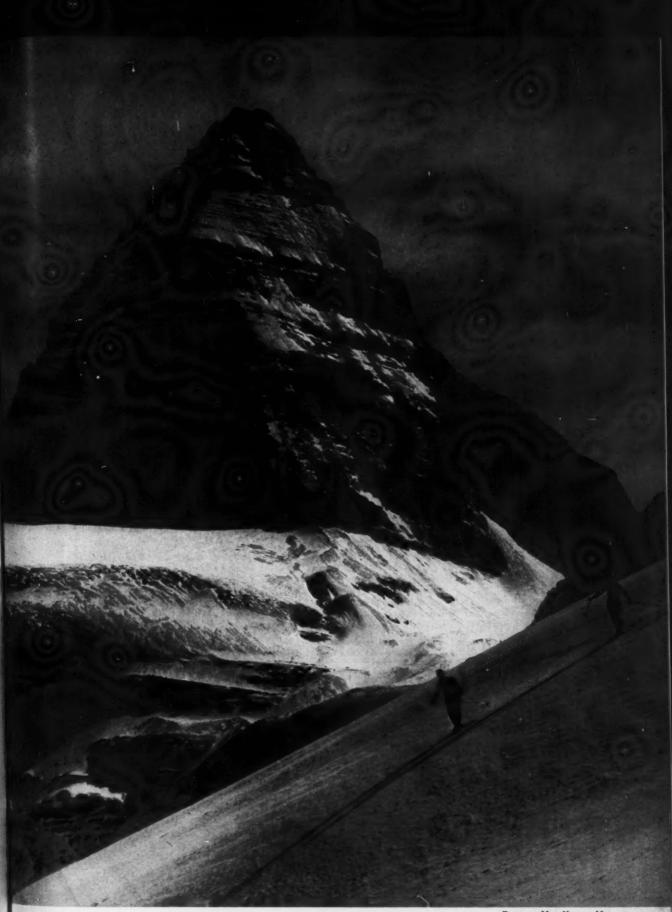


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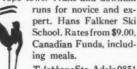
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#### Good Sense is Keynote of Ski Safety

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at breakneck speed straight to a crashing, pole-flailing tumble; a quavering, knee-wrenching, half snowplow run-out or — that bane of all ski slopes — the upright, jerky, tail-wag stop he proudly calls a "christie". Regardless of potential injury to himself, he is a menace to every skier on the hill.

The volunteer patrolman is helpless. He is not a policeman, and a word of polite caution too often brings down upon him verbal abuse from the very individual he is pledged to care for, if that individual injures himself. The area owner, too, is in a hard spot. He has put a lot of time and money into preparing his area for skiing. If he gets tough and ejects the bazooker and refunds his money — well, that's money refunded!

There are many mountainous areas served by chairs and Constam lifts. The chairs and bars are waiting to carry anyone to the top who has the price. The trails and slopes above are perfectly safe for all who are able to ski in control. But every "snow bunny" who, though inwardly quaking, rides up to the summit is a potential toboggan case.

Carelessness and thoughtlessness often go hand in hand with the enthusiasm that being out on the snow on skis generates.

#### **Heed The Patrol**

I am reminded of a case in point that occurred two years ago at a western area. One portion of the mountain was subject to avalanches under certain conditions. The patrol, the day before, at risk to themselves, had carefully placed a line of flags, closing the area. From the top of the mountain two groups started down on different courses — one a man and wife, the other a ski class under an instructor's care.

The class proceeded down a gully running along the bottom of the reverse slope opposite the avalanche slope, which was open to traffic. The instructor noticed a man and woman swinging down the avalanche slope on the *permitted* side of the line of flags. They were seen to stop and, apparently, argue. Suddenly the man skied through the flags out into the closed slope. He had not gone fifteen feet when, with a sickening roar, the

mountain slid, taking him with it. The instructor screamed a warning, and the class scurried up the reverse slope to safety.

Twelve hundred feet above, and over the crest of a ridge, National Patrolman Jim Voorhees leaned on his poles. Scanning the horizon, he saw a huge plume of snow spray mounting skyward. Avalanche! He pushed off, and in no time arrived in the gully and met the class.

"There's a man in it somewhere, near that fir tree, I think!" the instructor shouted. The mountain was still shuddering, but, without a thought for the danger of a second slide, Jim climbed up the avalanche slope. Luck was with him, for within ten feet of the tree the tip of a ski pole was visible. After fifteen minutes of furious digging with his own ski, the only shovel available, he uncovered the victim — alive! For that act, Jim wears the purple merit star of the NSPS, awarded only for the saving of life.

#### Fatigue Spells Trouble

How often have we seen grand specimens of girls or boys come in as the sun is sinking and plop down in a chair in front of the fire. "Boy!" they exclaim, "I got in twenty-five rides to-day!" They don't say, "Boy, was I lucky to get down that last time without cracking up, because I was so darned tired I could hardly swing a turn." It's when reflexes are slowed up by over-exercise, and cold reduces



"Where d'ya think you're going? A forest fire?"

the resiliency of muscles, that trouble comes.

What of the cures that might cut skiing accidents in half? Are skiers willing to control their own sport, or must they invite rules and regulations, forced on them at some future time?

Probably one of the surest ways is the use of one of the many safety bindings now on the market, designed to release the foot in a bad fall. More important, however, is the skier's psychological approach to the sport, and his willingness to live within rules based upon the hard luck of others.

Should regimentation be invoked. confining skiers to slopes within their ability to handle in control? Since more than two-thirds of the accidents happened to novices, it would seem to be the most effective way. The machinery is here to do it, in the form of the National Ski Association Proficiency Tests, available to all. Should all skiers who have not earned their third or fourth class badges, indicating that they can ski in control if they wish, be barred from riding to the top of the mountain? One area had only seven accidents in fourteen years by following such a practice.

Should there be a strong, nation-wide safety campaign? This takes funds, to launch and carry through—funds that the NSPS simply does not have to work with.

When one grasps the facts that without the NSPS, functioning on an organized, national basis and striving to maintain high standards, state regulations would long ago have been imposed to hamper the growth of skiing; that without the NSPS to assist Forestry personnel there could be no skiing on National Forest land; that public liability insurance covering owners of uphill transportation for the skier's protection is becoming increasingly hard to get; that the topline accident insurance companies are endeavoring to select against skiers as policy-holders — then, perhaps, it is not too much to hope that skiers themselves, area owners, and all others hopeful of seeing skiing develop to embrace fifteen to twenty million enthusiasts will do their own part to cut the accident ratio. It can be done by developing a healthy respect for the sport and abiding voluntarily by the rules of common sense.



Fred and Sally (née Litchfield) Pabst

#### PABST of Big Bromley

by CARLTON C. BUCKMAN

A tall, thin youth is seen skiing in back of an airplane at the end of a 1,000-foot rope. Later he operates twenty-five different skiing areas throughout the United States and Canada. Still later he may be seen stalking Kodiak bear in Alaska. Now he may be seen managing his Vermont ski area, Big Bromley. All this adds up to Fred Pabst, one of the pioneers of American skiing and owner of one of America's highest capacity ski

When it comes to skiing, Big Bromley might be translated freely to mean Big Business.

And when it comes to defining its creator, Fred Pabst, Jr., it might be just as appropriate to label him "Fabulous Fred."

Big Bromley, nestled in the foothills of Vermont's rugged Green Mountains, above the village of Manchester, has been nourished by Fred Pabst to the point where he claims it has the highest lift capacity of any ski resort in America.

From a single rope tow in 1937, Bromley has grown to a network of four J-bar cable lifts and two endon-end rope tows. This adds up to a combined uphill capacity of 2,460 skiers per hour. Slopes of all degrees of steepness and an assortment of terrain that delights any skier have been hacked out of the rugged pasture land and forest of 3,300-ft. Bromley Mountain.

Pabst is a genuine pioneer of the sport of skiing in the U. S. It was in 1914 that he first fastened a pair of skis to his feet.

Most of his early skiing was done in Wisconsin while hanging onto a rope, the other end of which was hitched to an automobile. However, while a student in a school at Salisbury, Conn., Fred organized his first ski club. Since then, he has organized, or helped to organize the University of Wisconsin's Badger Ski Club, and the Milwaukee and Junior Milwaukee ski clubs.

A few years later Fred created quite a stir by skiing in back of an airplane on the end of a thousand-foot rope.

This novel performance took place at Lake Placid.

During these years Pabst spent practically every week end on skis. "I almost walked herringbone-fashion," says Fred, "and was always ready to go into a stem or christie, skis or no skis."

#### Visited European Schools

In the winter of 1926 Fred and his good friend, Norman "Squab" Read, went to Europe. They visited twenty-five different ski schools, learning all they could about European techniques. It was on this tour that Pabst succeeded in winning his Silver Skis on the Parsenn at Davos, Switzerland.

About this time Fred got the idea that it might be profitable to go into

the ski business on the "chain store plan", operating a large number of areas across the country.

In 1937 he launched the "Pabst Plan", building his first three rope tows in Canada at St. Sauveur and Ste. Marguerite. It wasn't long before he found himself operating twenty-five different areas, including Big Bromley, and stretching from New Hampshire to Minneapolis.

However, in 1947 Fred decided he had his eggs in too many baskets. Since then he has liquidated all his United States and Canadian skiing interests with the exception of his favorite, Big Bromley.

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Skiers have been greatly disap-pointed to learn that the new chair lift on the North side of Tremblant will not be in service until March 1. A broken speed reducer forced the shutdown, although J. B. Ryan has pressed several busses into service to keep the development open on the North side. A shuttle service is provided from the foot of the trails to The Lodge, so that skiers may use the original chair lift and T-Bar to reach the top, ski down the new north side trails or use the two rope tows on the north side and then return to the Lodge by bus.



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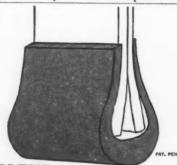
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Anyone who knows Fred's enthusiastic interest in the sport of skiing is safe in predicting that Big Bromley will continue to grow to be an even Bigger and Better Bromley.







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G. Panisset: A championship to defend

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slalom, and his teammate, James Couttet won the slalom of the combined and placed second in the men's special slalom.

Then last year Americans had a chance to see a French team "go to town" at Aspen, Sun Valley and elsewhere. Many will remember Jean Pazzi, for instance, who won the U. S.



More honors for L. Couttet-Schmith?

and Canadian downhill, and Georges Panisset who took the U. S. and Canadian combined championship.

In the women's events, no one would care to overlook Lucienne Couttet-Schmith, winner of the U. S. and Canadian crown last winter.

The French, however, are not content to rest on their laurels. The whole team has been undergoing training which is probably as intensive as has ever been given a ski team.

When the thirteen men and four women who comprise the French team head down the Aspen course, you can rest assured that they will all be trying to maintain their reputation as the world's fastest.

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The Italians are something of an unknown power. Their foremost woman skier, Celina Seghi, will be a strong contender. In the 1949 Kandahar she finished fourth in the slalom despite having broken an arm the previous day!

Zeno Colo is a very experienced



Henri Oreiller: An Olympic gold medal

racer who won the Kandahar combined last year. On form, he could beat the best.

THE Swiss are sending a strong and experienced team. Of special interest to American skiers is Edi Rominger, U. S. Slalom champion and winner of the Harriman Cup in 1947, who was one of Switzerland's big hopes for the Olympic winter games of 1948, but who could not take part in them because of a broken leg. Switzerland's best downhiller is Ralph Olinger, who tied for third place in the 1948 Olympic downhill. In the slalom Georges Schneider, winner of the slalom at last year's Kandahar, is one of the best in the world.

Among the girls, Rosemarie Bleuer and Olivia Ausoni are already known in the U. S. as members of the Swiss team that came to this country for the winter of 1946–47.

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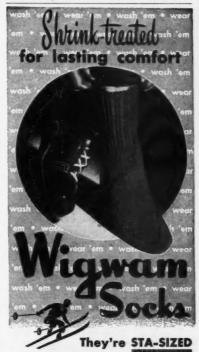
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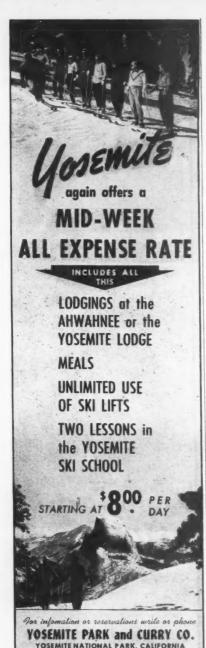
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#### A Snack for Skiers

By CHERRY LOU FELLNER

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Granted that a cup of hot tea or a thick sandwich would really fill the bill, here's a tidbit that is nourishing, survives cold temperatures, takes up small space and will please your sweet-tooth as well.

The concoction is called "Persian Sweets" (is there skiing in Persia?). [Yes. - ED.] The recipe is quite flexible as you can vary the contents as well as the quantity of each item. You don't even have to know how to cook - the recipe is foolproof.

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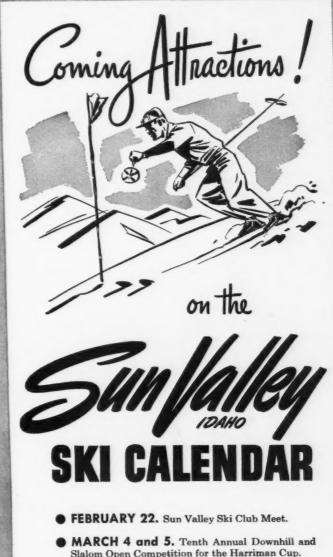
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